

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a synergistic combination of glimepiride and metformin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the ~~salts in amounts and weight ratio of glimepiride and metformin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is about 1/500 to about 2/500 sufficient to provide a synergistic control of blood glucose levels in a patient with type 2 diabetes.~~
2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 [2], wherein glimepiride and metformin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof are present in amounts selected from the group consisting of 500 mg ~~or~~ of metformin hydrochloride with 1 mg of glimepiride, 500 mg of metformin hydrochloride with 2 mg of glimepiride, 1000 mg of metformin hydrochloride with 2 mg of glimepiride, and 1000 mg of metformin hydrochloride with 4 mg of glimepiride, ~~and 500 mg of metformin with 4 mg of glimepiride.~~
4. (currently amended) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, comprising 500 mg metformin hydrochloride, 1 mg glimepiride, and at least one excipient.
5. (currently amended) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, comprising 500 mg metformin hydrochloride, 2 mg glimepiride, and at least one excipient.

6. (currently amended) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 comprising 1000 mg metformin hydrochloride, 2 mg glimepiride, and at least one excipient.
7. (currently amended) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 comprising to claim 1, comprising 1000 mg metformin hydrochloride, 4 mg glimepiride, and at least one excipient.
8. (currently amended) A method of controlling blood glucose levels in a patient with type 2 diabetes, comprising administering to said patient a synergistic combination of glimepiride and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of metformin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the ~~in amounts and~~ weight ratio of glimepiride and metformin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is about 1/500 to about 2/500 ~~sufficient to provide a synergistic control of blood glucose levels in a patient with type 2 diabetes.~~
9. (original) A method to claim 8 wherein said salt is the hydrochloric acid salt of metformin.
10. (canceled)
11. (currently amended) A method according to claim 8 [10] comprising a combination administering a composition wherein glimepiride and metformin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof are present in amounts selected from the group consisting of (1) 1 mg glimepiride and 500 mg metformin hydrochloride; (b) 2 mg glimepiride and 500 mg metformin hydrochloride; (c) 2 mg glimepiride and 1000 mg metformin

hydrochloride; and (d) 4 mg glimepiride and 1000 metformin
hydrochloride.